

Please support SB 237 which would forbid fracking waste from crossing state lines into Connecticut. The waste from hydraulic fracturing is highly toxic and the transportation of it on our highways, in addition to wearing out Connecticut highway and railway infrastructure, would be potentially disastrous. If one of the trucks or train cars loaded with toxic waste should overturn the consequences could be terrible beyond belief. It's also doubtful if the waste can be treated in such a way as to render it harmless. The possibility of a small number of jobs in Connecticut is not reason enough to court environmental disaster.

I support the classification of hydraulic fracturing waste as hazardous in HB 5409. This bill is a step in the right direction, however it requires more comprehensive and inclusive language in order to protect the health and safety of Connecticut's residents. Solely classifying fracking waste as hazardous is insufficient. I urge you to support a statewide ban on all fracking waste.

HB 5409 should also include language that prohibits the procurement, acquisition, possession, storage, handling, treatment, processing, application or disposal of all treated or untreated oil and gas drilling waste byproducts and their constituents for any purpose in the State of Connecticut. As is, the bill is not enough to guarantee a viable future for our state.

Yours truly,

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